

Amendments to the Claims:

1 1. (cancelled)

1 2. (cancelled)

1 3. (cancelled)

Claims 4-13 withdrawn

1 14. A method of forming a wear-resistant reinforcing coating on a substrate, the method
2 comprising:

3 (a) applying a liquid matrix material to the substrate;

4 (b) disposing reinforcing fibers in the liquid matrix material;

5 (c) placing particulate in contact with the liquid matrix material on an opposite
6 side of the fibers from the substrate;

7 (d) hardening the liquid matrix material, thereby forming a composite of
8 reinforcing fibers in a matrix of the hardened liquid matrix material with the
9 wearing surface of particulate; and

10 ~~The method in accordance with claim 1, further comprising the step of (e) interposing a~~
11 ~~membrane between the substrate and the liquid matrix material for preventing the liquid~~

12 matrix material from adhering substantially to the substrate, thereby leaving the
13 membrane and liquid matrix material unattached to the substrate.

1 15. The method in accordance with claim 14, wherein the membrane is plastic sheeting.

1 16. The method in accordance with claim 14, wherein the membrane is a release agent.

1 17. The method in accordance with claim 14, wherein the substrate is a solid substrate.

1 18. The method in accordance with claim 17, wherein the solid substrate is concrete.

Claims 19-34 withdrawn

1 35. A method of forming a wear-resistant reinforcing coating on a solid substrate, the
2 method comprising:

3 (a) applying a liquid matrix material to the substrate;

4 (b) interposing a membrane between the substrate and the liquid matrix material
5 for preventing the liquid matrix material from adhering substantially to the solid
6 substrate, thereby leaving the membrane and liquid matrix material unattached to
7 the substrate;

8 (c) disposing reinforcing fibers in the liquid matrix material;

9 (d) placing particulate in contact with the liquid matrix material on an opposite
10 side of the fibers from the substrate; and
11 (e) hardening the liquid matrix material, thereby forming a composite of
12 reinforcing fibers in a matrix of the hardened liquid matrix material with the
13 wearing surface of particulate.

Claims 36-42 withdrawn